MEDICAID REFORM AND EXPANSION

Provider Taxes

- HB 148 and SB 78 do not enact any tax.
- HB 148 and SB 78 direct the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) to consult with stakeholders and submit a provider tax proposal to the Legislature for consideration in 2016.
- Any tax will be proposed in separate legislation and must be approved by the Legislature before it can be imposed.
- The bill directs DHSS to engage a consultant to help develop a provider tax in consultation with Alaska health care providers.
- Alaska is the only state in the nation that does not have a provider tax.
- Governor Walker would not propose any tax that would result in a loss of medical providers in Alaska.

The Governor’s bill does not enact any taxes